

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2019-306-T – ORDER NO. 2019-
_____,2019

Application of Bryce & Brent Trucking,
Incorporated d/b/a B&B Relocation Services,
Inc. for a Class E (Household Goods)
Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle
Carrier

**ORDER GRANTING CLASS E
HOUSEHOLD GOODS CERTIFICATE
STATEWIDE AUTHORITY**

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Bryce & Brent Trucking, Incorporated (“Applicant” or “B&B”) to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPC&N”). Applicant seeks a CPC&N with authority to move household goods throughout the state. Notice of this Application was timely published pursuant to S.C. Code Reg. 103-132 on September 26, 2019. No third parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on December 4, 2019.

The parties at the hearing were the Applicant, represented by Charles L.A. Terreni, and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), represented by C. Lessie Hammonds. The ORS informed the Commission it did not oppose B&B’s Application.

At the outset, Applicant moved to amend the caption of the case, changing its d/b/a name from “B&B Relocation Services” to “B&B Relocation Services, Inc.”. Applicant explained that the change in the d/b/a name would conform to its registration with the Federal Motor Carrier

Safety Administration and allow it to use the same insurance certificates for federal and state purposes. The ORS did not object to the request, and it was granted by the Commission.

B&B called its President, Luke Douglas, as a witness. Mr. Douglas is a shareholder and organizer of B&B. He has been employed by B&B since 2014 in its interstate moving operations.

Mr. Douglas believes South Carolina's rapid population growth will provide an opportunity for his household goods moving business. Mr. Douglas plans to reach customers by through B&B's existing customer accounts, referrals, and social media. Neither Mr. Douglas, nor B&B, have any outstanding orders or court judgments against him and agrees to comply with the Commission's rules and regulations.

Applicant is exempt from having a safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Douglas also testified: there are no complaints or judgments against him or B&B; it has adequate equipment and facilities to provide moving services and has adequate financial resources. B&B has appropriate insurance, as evidenced by the documentation accompanying its Application and Mr. Douglas's testimony. Applicant will use the tariff and bill of lading approved in with this Application. Applicant certified that it is familiar with and will comply with all statutes and regulations. B&B owns a truck and two trailers and plans to hire employees after obtaining its certificate. Mr. Douglas testified B&B would like to open a warehouse in South Carolina within the next five years.

The Applicant submitted the affidavit of a shipper witness, Karen Koprowski, which was given prior to the hearing with permission from the Commission. Order No. 2019-135H. Ms. Koprowski, a real estate agent with seven years of experience in South Carolina testified the housing market is strong. Affidavit, ¶ 4. Ms. Koprowski is frequently asked to recommend movers

of household goods, and it is difficult to find qualified movers who are dependable and experienced. *Id.* Ms. Koprowski said the public interest would be served by granting a CPC&N to B&B. Affidavit, ¶ 5.

The Commission finds B&B has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate a household goods mover under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-330 and S.C. Code Reg. 103-133. We also find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized services. Therefore, B&B' Application for statewide authority should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of Bryce and Brent Trucking, Incorporated d/b/a B&B Relocation Services, Inc. for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods to points and places throughout the state.
2. Upon compliance with S. C. Code Section 58-23-10 *et seq.*, and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a Certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
3. The motor carrier's services authorized by this Order will not be provided prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate.
4. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the

Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.

5. Under the two-month reporting requirement continued in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2013), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.
6. This Order will remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Justin T. Williams, Vice Chairman

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **CARL E. BELL**, hereby certify that I have, on this **11th day of December 2019**, served the **PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING CLASS E HOUSEHOLD GOODS CERTIFICATE STATEWIDE AUTHORITY of Bryce & Brent Trucking, Inc. d/b/a B&B Relocation Services,,** upon the party(ies) listed below by email to the following person(s) and addresses:

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